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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Appropriations Committee United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a "Pilot Program for Crime and Violence Prevention within the City of Alexandria" in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Suite 3500, Alexandria, VA 22314. This request is for funding to support enhanced technology, including In-Car Cameras, Fixed License Plate Readers (LPRs), and Surveillance Trailers, in the City of Alexandria.

This funding will assist Alexandria's law enforcement agency in its ongoing efforts to reduce incidents of violent crime and gun violence in the Alexandria community. The Alexandria Police Department (APD) will use these funds to invest in cutting-edge technology and equipment that will significantly enhance its ability to deter, respond, investigate, and successfully prosecute violent crimes. This presents a crucial opportunity for the APD to enhance capabilities and better serve the community as well as help mitigate recruitment, retention and staffing challenges. In addition to supporting efforts to create and maintain a safe, resilient community, funding to support this initiative will allow for additional transparency in conjunction with the Department's use of body worn cameras and contribute to the City's efforts to improve trust, credibility, and accountability between law enforcement and those in our community law enforcement engages with and polices.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Beyer Jr.